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Mysuru, Saturday 23rd February 2019

Prosperous people – Plastic *Partnership*

Having taken to the use of products made of plastic in their multiple avatars over several decades, the world is currently waging a losing war against the offending material. After reaching the pinnacle in its image as the most versatile and economical raw material in both industry domain and life of lay people, the now-known-to-all as plastic (with virtually no known equivalent word in any other language, including Kannada) has got itself to the rank bottom rung of rating being seen as both garbage and nuisance. The only fallout of the people-plastic battle is that the paper on which experts and non-experts have written about "what to do with it?" has added to the garbage heap, seen effortlessly in the form of unserviceable shopping bags, discarded tea cups, plates used for serving food, spoons, sheets spread on dining tables at weddings and social functions, packaging material for convenience in selling both processed foods and toiletries as well as medicines and hospital's hardware such as bottles containing glucose drips, syringe and so on. Plastic has virtually laid bare human frailty in the haste of falling prey to comfort and convenience in changing over from time-tested practices to time-brittle alternatives, virtually devoid of vision and wisdom.

One may relish pointing the accusing finger to the inventors of plastic as raw material and its large number of products which nobody can miss noticing. That is only by hindsight. Worse is the use of plastic for imitating many articles commonly used in daily life, such as trays of areca sheath, even buntings resembling mango leaves and so, reaching the dead end of a mountain of matter that is not biodegradable.

The onslaught on plastic has tended to be bestowing excessive attention on its *version* of shopping bags, as in Mysuru. The more we read about the *action* by the civic authorities *raiding* godowns stocking the banned quality shopping bags, more are the shoppers seen happily walking home with flowers, fruits, vegetables, grocery and knick-knacks purchased on the footpaths from hundreds of vendors flaunting their purchases in the offending carry-bag. The volume of the bags reportedly confiscated during raids mocks at the bags in different colour-shades materialising from behind the vendors like the sleight of magician's hands. Plastic garbage can very well compete with divinity on the count of presence everywhere as Saint Kanakadasa experienced when asked to eat banana at a strictly secluded place.

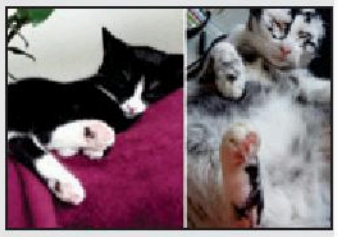
Call it irony or whatever, taking Mysuru for illustration, its residents comprise three types *a)* The first vehemently opposing plastic use, *b)* The second least bothered about the devastation the stuff is doing and *c)* The third being fence-sitters. If plastic had a voice, it would vociferously celebrate the prospering people-plastic-partnerships as it were, mutually beneficial.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The fear of law and punitive action does not spare even advocates. Last week, during a hearing against a global car maker, a young counsel appearing for the company had a harrowing time when the four-Judge Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) initially refused to give them even a minute's time to comply with the past orders. As the young lawyer started to explain the company's stand and sought seven days to deposit the fine, the NGT Chairperson threatened to order the arrest of its Managing Director right away. The lawyer immediately relented and said they would deposit the amount within 24 hours. — *In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Rare condition turns cat's fur from black to white



Moscow: A rare condition that causes that decolourises the colour of the skin of humans which is very rare among animals has turned the fur of a cat from black colour to white within a year. Elli, one of the few known cats suffering from the rare condition known as Vitiligo, was born with a mostly black coat, but within a year after being diagnosed with this mysterious condition, her fur is almost completely white.

Nicole, the cat's owner, found Elli and her sister on a farm in Germany, when they were only four-month kittens. They were both in poor shape and in desperate need of medical attention, so Nicole adopted them and nursed them back to health. Both cats were black with white spots on their chests, which made them look like they were wearing fur tuxedos, but one day, Elli's tux started losing its color. It was just a tiny white spot at first, but as months went by, her black coat turned into a black and white mosaic.

Company wants to roast coffee beans in space

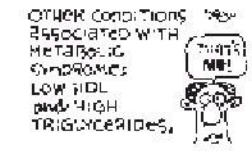
Dubai: Space Roasters, a Dubai-based startup wants to send a space capsule full of coffee beans into space and use the heat generated by atmosphere re-entry to roast them.

Anders Cavallini and Hatem Alkhafaji of Space Roasters, believe that the absence of gravity could be the secret to roasting coffee perfectly. On Earth, beans tumble around, break apart and are roasted unevenly as some of them come into contact with the hot surfaces of a conventional roaster, but in zero-gravity conditions, beans would float freely in a heated oven, with heat being distributed evenly, resulting in a near-perfect roast.

That's just a theory, but they're prepared to put it to test by sending a capsule filled with 300kg of coffee beans to a height of 200km. They've already patented the technology and are reportedly in talks with private rocket companies to launch their capsule next year.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is metabolic syndrome?



Metabolic syndrome, also called syndrome X, is a cluster of health conditions, all of which contribute to heart disease. They include high blood pressure, high blood sugar and obesity.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Bags first prize in HR event

Mysuru, Feb. 23- **James Julian Thomas Harte** bagged first place in Sapientia '19, a National-level competition organised by Sapient First Grade College at the Country Inn and Suits in city recently.

'Mettle' was an HR event in which competitors were exposed to tough decision-making corporate situation in order to assess their stress management skills and courage a HR Manager needs to overcome unanticipated dangers.

Out of seven colleges, James, a BBA student of St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, emerged winner with a cash prize of Rs.15,000.

National-level honour for former Regional PRO of DRDO

Mysuru, Feb. 23- K. Jayaprakash Rao, a PR expert and former Regional PRO of DRDO, was conferred the Excellence Award for exemplary service rendered in the field of PR and youth training over three decades at the recently concluded National Global Summit of Communicators held in Jaipur.

B.N. Kumar, Chairman, All India PR Council of India, presented the award.

Sunil Arora, Chief Election Commissioner of India, was the chief guest at the inaugural function.

Presently, Rao is involved in professional training programmes at Police Academy in Mysuru and Bank Training Colleges in Karnataka. He is the author of *Agniya Rekkegalu*, Kannada autobiography of Dr. Abdul Kalam and one more book *Kalam Jeevana Dharma*.

***K. Jayaprakash Rao** (right) receiving the award from B.N. Kumar, Chairman, All India PR Council of India.*

Really...?

- *Scientists estimate that the nose can recognise a trillion different scents!*
- *Humans are the only species known to blush.*
- *Your blood makes up about eight percent of your body weight.*
- *Babies don't shed tears until they're at least one month old.*
- *The brain is more active at night than during the day. Scientists don't know yet why this is.*

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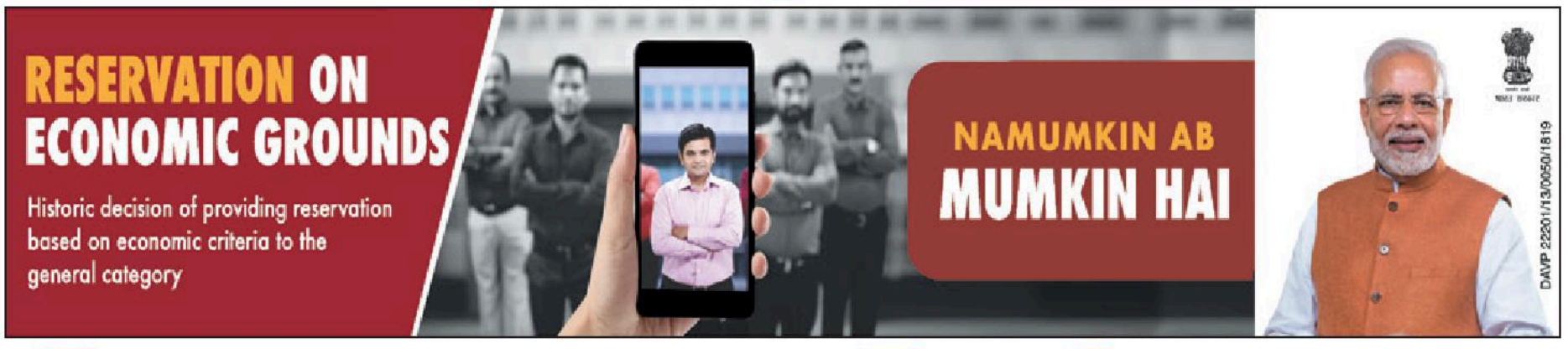

Summer Inferno

Over 300 vehicles gutted at Air Show in Bengaluru

- **Forest fire rages in Bandipur**
- **2,500 acres land destroyed**
- **Gundlupet-Ooty Road blocked**

Bengaluru / Bandipur / Mysuru, Feb.23 (MTY&NNN)- Major fire incidents were witnessed today not only in Bandipur National Park but also in the parking lot of the Aero India Show in Bengaluru.

Over 300 vehicles have been reportedly destroyed in a major fire at the parking lot of the venue of the five-day Aero India Show here this afternoon. Officials say the cause of the fire could be a lit cigarette that was disposed on the grass in the open field.

Huge plumes of thick black smoke could be seen in the sky near the Yelahanka air base in North Bengaluru, where about a hundred aircraft are parked for the biennial Aero India 2019 event.

Senior Police Officer M.N. Reddi said the fire spread rapidly due to dry grass and strong winds. Hundreds of vehicles, including two-wheelers and cars, were seen parked in files in the open ground, surrounded by fire.

No injuries have been reported, when we went to the Press.

Fire fighting operations by Chief Fire Officer and 10 water tenders staff were under way. No planes have reportedly taken off from the airbase in the last few hours. Sources say they will fly once the fire is completely doused.

The five-day Air Show started on Wednesday and will conclude tomorrow. Earlier on Tuesday, just a day before the commencement of the show, a plane had crashed during rehearsals, killing one of the pilots.

Forest fire at Bandipur

Forest fires tend to ravage large swathes of Bandipur National Park forest during summer every year. The forest fire began three days back in Kundakere range where nearly 600 acres of forest has been destroyed.

On the second day it spread to Gopalaswamy Betta and today it has spread right up to Bandipur Safari Campus Ticket counter, forcing the Forest Department to cancel the morning and evening safari trips, as a precautionary measure.

(See INFERNO on page 18)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Satyanarayana Puja

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has organised a Mass Satyanarayana Puja tomorrow (Feb.24) at 9 am at Boothal Pitch in Vidyaranyapuram. Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, VHP Secretary V.C. Pradeep Kumar said that about 2,000 couples are expected to take part in the event as 1,800 couples had already registered for the puja. The puja articles would be provided by VHP and only a registration fee of Rs.100 would be charged. The participants should bring a vessel for the Kalasa Puja, he explained. [Mob: 94484-33240 or 93421-84004]

Provisional list

University of Mysore (UoM) has announced the provisional list of 99th annual Convocation gold medallists and cash prize awardees of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate programme in its official website www.uni-mysore.ac.in Eligible students are requested to submit all their original documents plus two passport size photos to the Department of Convocation of UoM before Feb.28. [Ph: 0821-2419323].

Swathi Puja

Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraj Mutt's Shaka Mutt, Kalidasa Road, has organised 'Swathi Puja' at its premises on Feb.24. Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and Special Abhisheka at 7.30 am; Special decoration at 12.30 pm; Mahamangalarathi and prasadam distribution at 1 pm. Prakarotsava will be performed at 7.30 pm and Mahamangalarthi at 8 pm.

AGM on Feb.26

The Annual General body Meeting (AGM) of Mysore Coffeee Processing Co-op. Society (MCPCS) will be held on Feb.26 at 11 am at the Society premises in Yadavagiri.

Six dead in separate incidents

Mysuru, Feb.23- As many as six persons died in separate incidents that occurred in the city and district on Thursday.

While two persons committed suicide, two pedestrians were killed in road mishaps and two others, who are said to be beggars, died of ailments.

Octogenarian Nachimuthu was crossing Sahukar Channaiah Road in Saraswathipuram, when a two-wheeler knocked him down. A seriously injured Nachimuthu was rushed to K.R. Hospital, where he breathed his last sometime later.

The K.R. Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

In another mishap, Dandanayaka (40), a resident of Nadanahalli in Mysuru taluk, was crossing the Mysuru-Hunsur Highway at K.R. Nagar junction near Bilikere, when he was fatally knocked down by a speeding car coming from Hunsur side.

The Bilikere Police have registered a case in this regard.

An unidentified man was found hanging from a tree at an isolated place near Belavadi Junction on Hunsur Road. The Vijayanagar Police have registered a case in this regard.

In another incident, Mallesh (45), a resident of Bapujinagar, committed suicide by hanging self at his residence.

Mallesh, who was said to be an alcoholic, ended his life when other family members had gone out, it is learnt.

A 60-year-old man, said to be a beggar, was found dead on the footpath near Ranjit Theatre on B.N. Road. The man is 5.7 feet tall, medium built and is dark in complexion.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, can contact Lashkar Police on Ph: 0821-2418107 or Mob: 94808-02232.

In another incident, a 70-year-old man, said to be a beggar, was found dead along the Ring Road near APMC Market.

The kith and kin, if any, can contact Mysuru South Police on Ph: 0821-2520260.

Newly-wed couple killed in accident

Mandya, Feb.23 (Nagaiah &DM)- In a tragic incident, a young couple, who had reportedly got married just four days ago, was killed in a road accident near Yeliyur on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway last evening.

The deceased couple have been identified as Sahana (19) and Darshan (24) of Ramanagaram.

The two were said to be travelling towards Ramanagaram from Mysuru on a motorcycle, when they crashed into a KSRTC bus even as Darshan who was riding the motorcycle attempted to overtake a lorry moving ahead near Yeliyur at about 7 pm, it is learnt.

Due to the impact of the collision, Sahana died at the spot, while Darshan, who sustained serious injuries, was rushed to Mandya District Hospital. But Darshan too died en route while being shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru late last night.

The Mandya Rural Police have registered a case in this regard.

Sahana of Ramanagaram town and Darshan of a village in Ramanagaram taluk were said to be is love for the past couple of years and had left their homes two months ago, when their parents lodged a missing complaint at Ramanagaram Police Station.

But the duo appeared before the Women's Police Station on Wednesday, claiming that they had got married four days ago, following which they were let off by the Police.

After making a submission at the Police Station on their marriage, the duo reportedly came to Mysuru and were travelling back to Ramanagaram when the tragedy struck them.

Bus accident in Andhra Pradesh

Pilgrim from Mandya killed, 25 injured

Mandya, Feb.23 (Nagaiah &US)- In a tragic road accident near Mantralayam in Andhra Pradesh yesterday involving a bus carrying tourists from Nagamangala taluk in Mandya district, Govindaiah (54) from Mandya was killed and over 25 passengers were injured.

The tourists were said to be residents of Ambedkar Colony near Bellur who had left on Feb.18 on a tour of Andhra Pradesh covering Tirupati and Mantralayam.

The bus reportedly hit a canter vehicle coming in the opposite direction and got toppled.

Four of the five seriously injured passengers were admitted to hospital in Kurnool in AP and one shifted to Bengaluru.

State Govt. to drop cases filed against farmer leaders of Cauvery agitation

Mandya, Feb.23 (Nagaiah &SR)- In what could be a rejoicing news for farmer leaders of the district, State Coalition Government, led by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, has decided to withdraw the cases filed by Government against various farmer leaders involved during Cauvery agitation across the district.

Disclosing this to reporters at Maddur this morning, State Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna said that State Cabinet Sub-Committee has decided to drop 95 percent of the cases filed against Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene and other farmer leaders.

He said that CM has given directions to the officials to prepare a taluk-wise list of farmers involved in the agitation and to drop their cases. H.D. Kumaraswamy will be visiting Mandya on Feb.27 and he will make an official announcement in this regard, he added.

"Government will withdraw the cases filed against farmers for damaging the public property. But, however, farmer leaders have to get their disputes settled in the Court pertaining to the cases like damaging media camera, car, stone pelting, attack on retired Judge at Pandavapura and other individual cases on their own. District Administration Officials have already started preparing the list of farmer leaders," he said.

Reacting to the initiative by the CM to drop the cases, former MP and Mandya District Raitha Hitharakshana Samiti President Dr. G. Madegowda appreciated the CM for understanding the cause of farmer leaders being himself a son of the farmer.

"I thank CM for withdrawing cases against farmer leaders on behalf of the entire farming community," he added.

Obituary

Manjula

Mysuru, Feb.23- Manjula (58), wife of Sridhar and a resident of K.R. Mohalla here, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, son T.S. Arun (Brahmin youth leader) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

Indramma

Indramma (65), wife of Venkatesh and a resident of Paduvarahalli 5th Main 6th Cross, passed away last night.

She leaves behind a son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

B. Vasanth Kumar

Kollegal: B. Vasanth Kumar (70), retired Professor, Government School, Kollegal and a resident of Augustin Colony here, passed away at Mission Hospital in Mysuru yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at Christian Cemetery in Kollegal today.

Pedestrian run over by car

Virajpet, Feb.23- A pedestrian was run over by a car near Mytadi in Virajpet taluk this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Ayyammanda B. Ravi (Rashma) of Mytadi in the taluk.

Ravi, a former Army Officer and a boxer, was on a morning jog on Virajpet-Mytadi Road at about 7 am, when he was fatally knocked down by a car.

Virajpet Police have registered a case in this regard.

'Selfie' craze youth electrocuted

Preetham Gowda

Mysuru, Feb.23 (RK&SR)- A youth, who climbed up the goods train wagon to take a 'selfie' from his mobile phone, was electrocuted when he came in contact with overhead railway electric line in an incident that occurred at Naganahalli Railway Station in Srirangapatna taluk on Thursday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Preetham Gowda, son of Ambareesh of Naguvanahalli village. He was charred to death by strong currents of the electric line. Railway Police visited the spot.

The post mortem of the teenager was conducted yesterday and body was handed over to the relatives of the youth.

City Railway Police have registered a case in this regard.

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Passport Seva Kendra at Mandya soon

MP Pratap Simha at CII-Yi Annual Entrepreneurship Summit

Mysuru, Feb.23 (YDS&NNN)-A Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) will be opened at Mandya very soon, said MP Pratap Simha.

He was participating in the Annual Entrepreneurship Summit Mysuru 2.0 organised by Confederation of Indian Industry - Young Indians (CII-Yi) at Hotel Radisson Blu here yesterday and said that opening of PSK in Mandya will help the people in district a lot just like for the people in Chamarajanagar where a PSK was opened recently.

Dwelling at length on the work he has done as a Parliamentarian, Simha said, "Before I became an MP, the work on the Ring Road was half complete and I completed it. Now, Rs.177 crore has been sanctioned and including asphalting, the Ring Road is being developed."

Journalists and politicians must be well-versed in all the subjects and the reason is because the former has to attend all kinds of functions. Similarly, politicians have to speak on all kinds of subjects. Hence, both should be aware of all kinds of happenings. Only then can one respond to the issues plaguing the society, he said.

NICE Road work stalled: A ten-lane National Highway is being built between Mysuru and Bengaluru and the work is likely to be completed by 2021. Work on the 53-km bypass in Srirangapatna, Mandya, Maddur, Channapatna, Ramanagaram and Bidadi is going on. The Centre has sanctioned Rs.3,000 crore for land acquisition and farmers are getting very good price for the land. Hence, the acquisition process is going on smoothly, he said.

When H.D. Deve Gowda was the Chief Minister, he had promised to build the Mysuru-Bengaluru NICE Road Expressway corridor. However, even after 25 years, the work is incomplete, he said. "Before BJP announced my name for the Mysuru-Kodgau Lok Sabha constituency, the political parties did not know who I was. Just like politics, Mysuru was also new to me. If I had to visit a village, I used the Google Map to locate it. There are 12 Engineering Colleges in Mysuru, 85 degree colleges and there is ample scope for tourism. Even then why jobs are not available, people ask me. The main reason for this, I realised is connectivity. Everyday 36,000 vehicles ply between Mysuru-Bengaluru resulting in traffic jams. Hence, to attend to all these problems, I chalked out a few programmes to address these issues and focused on rail, road and air connectivity," he said.

CII Mysuru Vice-Chairman Bhaskar Kalale, Yi Mysuru Chapter Chair D. Ravi Shankar, Co-Chair Ghanashyam Murali and others were present.

MP Pratap Simha inaugurating the Annual Entrepreneurship Summit Mysuru 2.0 organised by Confederation of Indian Industry - Young Indians (CII-Yi) at Hotel Radisson Blu in city yesterday.

Daily flights to Kochi, Hyderabad

Though the Mandakalli Airport in Mysuru started operations in 2007, till 2014 there were hardly any flights. After I became MP, I gave stress on air service. Now there is 90 percent occupancy in the daily flights to Chennai. Shortly, we will be connecting to eight different cities, including Goa, Hyderabad, Kochi, Belagavi and eight aircraft will fly out of the city daily. In another three years, 25 aircraft will fly out of Mysuru daily. The runway will also be extended and below that will be the underpass, the first of its kind in Asia. Rs.430 crore has been released for this work.

—Pratap Simha, MP

Regulation for parking of vehicles in 'No Parking' Zone

Mysuru, Feb.23- With a view to provide upgraded amenities to rail-users, several important civil engineering works are underway in the periphery of Mysuru Railway Station. Improvement to circulating area opposite the Main Station building, widening of the approach road, organised parking area are in full swing. Railway Administration assures that all works would be completed fast with minimum inconvenience.

In view of this, rail-users are requested to cooperate with the Railways and not to park vehicles haphazardly in the Railway Station limits which in turn causes a great deal of hardship to incoming and outgoing passengers to safely navigate as they enter/exit. There will be restricted parking area during this transition phase.

As such, the Railways inform that those who park their vehicles in 'No Parking Zones' will be booked for violation of rules in force with hefty fines and confiscation of vehicles also.

CFTRI/ Railway Museum side entry road is a narrow two-way road with little scope for expansion. As such, the Railway Administration appeals passengers not to leave their vehicles unattended failing which Railway administration will be constrained to strict action, according to a press release from Dr. S.G. Yatish, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, South Western Railway, Mysuru Division and PRO.

15 more IPS officers transferred

Umesh Kumar is new IGP (Southern Range)

Senior IPS officer Umesh Kumar (right), who took charge as the new IGP (Southern Range) this morning, being greeted by SP Amit Singh.

Mysuru, Feb.23- Just a day after it transferred 32 IPS officers, the State Government on Friday transferred 15 more Police officers, even as the Election Commission of India (ECI) asked the State Government to submit a report on the transfer of officials by Feb.25.

As per the latest transfer orders, Senior IPS officer Umesh Kumar has been posted as the new IGP (Southern Range) at Mysuru in place of Vipul Kumar who was appointed to the post late on Wednesday.

In other transfers, Mysuru DCP (Law & Order) N. Vishnuvardhana, who was transferred as DCP (Intelligence) at Bengaluru only on Wednesday, has now been posted as SP (CID) at Bengaluru.

M. Muthuraj has been appointed as the new Mysuru DCP (Law & Order). DCP (Crime & Traffic) Dr. Vikram V. Amathe has been transferred and posted as ASP of Dakshina Kannada at Mangaluru.

Dr. H.T. Shekar, who was serving as ACB SP, has been transferred and posted as ASP at Shivamogga.

Hassan DC Rohini Transferred again

Akram Pasha is new DC

Akram Pasha

Rohini Sindhuri

Bengaluru, Feb.23- IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri Dasari, who won a legal battle challenging her premature transfer as Hassan Deputy Commissioner last year, has been transferred again even before she could complete her two-year term in the district.

In a notification issued by the Government late on Friday, Rohini Sindhuri has been posted as the Secretary, Karnataka Building and Construction Workers Welfare Board at Bengaluru.

Akram Pasha, who was the Director at the Directorate of Minorities, has been posted as the Hassan DC. He took charge as Hassan DC minutes after the transfer order was issued.

Sindhuri, a 2009 batch IAS officer, was posted to Hassan on July 14, 2017. But later on following pressure from Congress leaders and then Hassan District Minister A. Manju, the then Siddharamaiah-led Congress Government transferred her in Jan. 2018, even before she could complete six months in the post.

However, she was able to retain her post as the Election Commission (EC) stalled the transfer citing voter's list verification.

The woman IAS officer's transfer had attracted widespread criticism from political parties. Later, the Government transferred her again, appointing D. Randeep in her place. But Sindhuri moved the CAT (Central Administrative Tribunal) and got her transfer stayed. CAT, in April 2018, upheld her transfer allowing Randeep to take charge. But Randeep could not continue in the post beyond a week as the EC sought his transfer, prompting the State Govt. to post P.C. Jaffer in his place.

Sindhuri moved the Karnataka High Court against the CAT order and succeeded to retain the post after the H.D. Kumaraswamy-led JD(S)-Congress coalition Government made a submission before the Court stating that she would be posted back to Hassan, following which Sindhuri took charge again as Hassan DC on June 25, 2018 after a legal battle.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Rohini Sindhuri was transferred under pressure from PWD Minister H.D. Revanna, who wanted her to be shunted out before the EC issued its notification for LS Polls.

The Minister was said to be upset with her for serving notice to Hassan ZP Vice-President who belongs to the JD(S) in connection with illegal storage of sand in Sakleshpur taluk last month.

VOICE OF THE READER

Early morn Mysuru-Chennai Express: Suggestion to change timings

Sir,

The newly-started Mysuru - Chennai Express in the morning although helpful for early Bengaluru-goers, especially for reaching K.R. Puram and Whitefield, the time is too early.

Being a superfast train with electric loco, we expect it to take 2 hrs 30 minutes to reach Bengaluru. Now it is starting at 4.45 am, halting for 40-45 minutes at Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Station by reaching at 7.20 am. If it is started at 5.05 or 5.10 am, instead of spending 40 minutes waiting in KSR, it could reach like 7.45 am and leave for Chennai at 8 am. Most of the passengers who take it are Whitefield / K.R. Puram travellers who want to reach before 9, otherwise commuters can take subsequent trains Vishwamanava Express or Passenger.

Morning every minute counts and reaching Railway Station by 4.30 is very difficult. Special thanks to MP Pratap Simha, who initiated this train. A small change in timings could help a lot of people instead of wasting time at KSR. I hope this will be addressed shortly.

—Asha

Mysuru
6.2.2019

Cables posing risk to pedestrians

Sir,

CHESCom seems to have taken up some upgradation work in the city for which cables are being laid across most areas. Unfortunately, these cables have been left lying around in large bundles in most areas, like huge snakes lying about, posing serious risk of injury to pedestrians. Most sidewalks have been

dug up for this, with heaps of interlocking bricks and mud lying about, making these sidewalks unusable and dangerous. Request CHESCom to speed up the work and make sure they reinstate the sidewalks to ensure safety of pedestrians.

—S. Nagarajan

Kuvempunagar
20.2.2019

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item ***"Sandal Urus Shariff of Hazarath Syed Fakir Moheyeudin Maqbil"*** published in yesterday's *SOM*, it was inadvertently mentioned that the event will be held on Feb. 25. It may please be read as **'the event will be held on Feb. 24' —Ed**

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IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Give NCC a try

On Valentine's Day, it was not the red of roses that engulfed India, but the blood of our soldiers.

Immediately after the Pulwama terror attack, social media was flooded with posts expressing shock, grief, condolences, anger and call for revenge. Understandable. Also, it's only natural.

A few days later some associations and politically-backed groups had candle-lit marches. Very good indeed, one must acknowledge a martyr. But some of these acknowledgements felt a little insincere, as there was an air of "self-promotion" in it when they uploaded pictures of the event in social media, and dispatched press notes with photographs.

If you want to do something good, do it, don't seek credit for it. We don't see soldiers posting their pics standing on the border everyday reminding us that they are heroes, do they?

Now, that said, forget army, how many of the people who lit candles and how many politicians who visited the martyrs' family will send their children to even join National Cadet Corps (NCC), an organisation seen as an introduction to the armed forces?

It is time that people who say they love the armed forces put their money where their mouth is and ask their kids to join NCC.

It turns out most schools do not encourage NCC. Yes, indeed cultural activities, sports and academics are absolutely important, but so also some form of "military service" and NCC is a fantastic option.

Of course, no one expects the whole nation to join the army, but when you join NCC you will have a sample of what military personnel go through and have a better appreciation for them.

Also NCC is not just about screaming, *Left-right-left, Atteeeention, Stand-at-Ease* and *Daayine mod.* Its curriculum incorporates military training in small arms, subjects related to adventure activities and national integration. They also have cultural events and youth exchange programmes with 11 countries.

In the end you have a sense of physical hardship, mental toughness, a sense of unity, equality and most importantly you learn to be Indian first and Indian last because in NCC all are equal — From your uniform to your tent to your punishment. No wonder their motto is 'Unity and Discipline.'

In fact, former President, the much-loved Dr. Kalam was an advocate of compulsory NCC training at the school and college levels. He believed it would lead to the elimination of corruption in society, promote discipline and help protect the environment.

Later the idea of making NCC compulsory was mooted in the Parliament but after a feasibility study the then Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar announced in Parliament that compulsory NCC was not feasible in terms of requirement of infrastructure, manpower and resources.

Nothing should be made compulsory in a democracy, but small acts of patriotism should come naturally to its citizens. Putting your child in NCC could be that little act. It will not only help the students but also the parents, as children will turn out to be humbler and grateful.

Also, even after NCC if one does not want to join the armed forces at least it will sensitise us to the forces. Yes, we acknowledge our martyrs but a few weeks later we forget. I say this because how many of us have ever let a Jawan move ahead in a queue at the train station? How many private schools have ever given a donation-free seat to an army widow's child?

Many civilians in their arrogance belittle a soldier by saying, "It's the best he could get, and it's easy to get it. And he also gets the perks." May be, but never forget even today there are young men who serve this nation because they want to.

I have two friends in the army. One went to National Defence Academy (NDA) and the other was with me in NCC and today is a Colonel. They both did it because they wanted to be army men.

Both are bright and handsome men and would have gone places in the corporate world. But they chose country over money. They have both put this nation before their children and wife. They both have put this nation before their own life so we can enjoy ours. Yes, they do get perks; but would we civilians give up our weekends, 24x7 Internet service and Facebook posts for subsidised egg, horlicks, soap and rum? I doubt it.

Yes, we must light candles, but we must do it because we feel it, not so we can show it. And yes, we must try to give a taste of the military life to our children, show them a sample of the stuff soldiers are made of, for they may never serve in uniform, but at least they can learn to serve this nation just as selflessly as a man in uniform.

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Gardenomics

Fresh designs to execute, new lessons to learn

Gardening

A Perennial Pleasure

Green Mysuru is a fond dream of many citizens and gardens play a vital role in realising this dream. In the words of Lord Bacon, "Gardening is the purest of human pleasures, the greatest refreshment to the spirit of man." A few avocations afford so much pleasure as gardening when taken as a hobby or a profession. One of the pleasures of gardening is knowing that each day has something new in store.

Watching a seed or a baby plant grow into a beautiful plant can be a rewarding experience. Just looking at plants gently swaying in the breeze is like a balm to the eye and the soul. The joy one derives from home-grown flowers and vegetables is inexplicable. Nothing is more pleasing than the fragrance of colourful flowers and the soothing green colour of the healthy foliage. Flowers, the soul of the garden are symbolic of beauty, love and tranquillity and convey the message of nature to man. In addition, gardens attract many forms of wildlife (birds, frogs, insects, snails, butterflies etc.) which can add visual beauty to your home. It is a great way to teach children about nature.

Home gardens provide light and pleasant recreation after a day's hard work and business cares. They make you love your home, be content and satisfied with those pleasures, which neither sting nor pall. There is something always worthy of its care and admiration, some new development of beauty, some fresh design to execute and some new lesson to learn. It is a good feeling to know that you have given something back to nature and are helping the environment.

HISTORY

Gardening in India has an ancient history and reference to garden are found in *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*. 'Ashoka Vana' in *Ramayana* and the description of ornamental and fruit trees planted at Indraprastha, the capital of Pandavas as described in Sabhaparva of *Mahabharata* by Sage Vyasa are examples. Poet Ashvaghosha described the 'Nandana Vana' in which Siddhartha saw flowering trees and lotuses. During Buddhist period there were beautiful gardens in Nalanda and Taxila. Gardens were laid out around monasteries and stupas. King Ashok (233 BC) contributed to avenue tree planting. Pleasure garden with beautiful trees and creepers has been mentioned by Kalidasa. Vatsayana (300-400 AD) classified four types of gardens, namely Pramododyana, Udyana, Vrikshavasika and Nandanavana. Art of gardening has been described by Sarangadara (1300 AD) in his '*Upavana Vinoda.*' Moghal emperors contributed towards introduction of many plants and emperor Babur has presented a description of gardening in India in his book '*Bagh-i-wafa.*' Europeans brought new vigour to gardens not only by introducing innumerable exotic plants but also establishing many gardens in the country.

GARDEN

The garden may be defined as an artificial assemblage of plants — an area established with plants with accessories to ornate. It is a valuable and pleasurable adjunct to places we live, work and worship — be it a house, a temple, an office, a factory or a hotel. Manifestation of plants under different environment can result in various kinds of garden. It can be an outdoor garden or an indoor garden; a pleasure garden or utility garden; kitchen garden or flower garden. It can be a window garden, a balcony garden, a wall garden, hanging garden or a terrace garden. It can even be a table garden and miniature landscape (terrariums, bowl and dish garden, bottle garden etc.). A single potted plant in itself is a garden. Garden can also be a park — a large public garden laid mainly for enjoyment of general public. It can be a conservatory, arboretum, botanical garden, water garden, fernery etc.

GARDEN DESIGN

It is the subject of many books, a matter of individual taste depending on features of the layout. It is difficult to lay down any hard and fast rule. However, there are two styles of design, in practice. They are ***a)*** Natural and ***b)*** Formal — each fancied and admired by its own advocates and opposite in conception.

Natural style, also called "landscape style" aims at an imitation of nature inside the garden to produce a rural effect with large open lawns (uninterrupted) and bordered by clumps of shady trees and shrubs. It is suited for countryside where small dwelling place is situated in a wide expanse of land. It reproduces in a small compass nature's wild and rugged effect.

Formal or Geometrical style is entirely formal and symmetrical. One half of the garden being the counterpart of the other. Most of the Mughal gardens are formal.

The most favoured style is the free style in urban areas which is also artistic or picturesque and provides more freedom in treatment while taking into consideration the essential typical natural gardens. It is a hybrid style and combines good points of both formal and natural styles.

Considering many variations of style that provide potential for creating a unique design, the personal taste may be the main deciding factor. Nevertheless, there are a few basic principles of design that are best observed irrespective of the style.

a) Balance and harmony are very important. Try to include features which complement each other.

b) Scale and proportions should be considered though difficult.

c) To relate the plants to each other and to adjacent features such as walls and paths.

d) Vistas or focal points may also help to give more substance and definition.

One should also keep in mind the two objectives of garden design:

i) To achieve a natural effect by avoiding the use of too many straight lines; **ii)** To keep interest in the garden alive by suggesting without revealing something round the corner.

To achieve these, one must have the right ingredients in right proportion and mix them in a proper way. The ingredients of an outdoor garden are lawns, walks and paths, herbaceous borders, flowerbeds, trees and shrubs, climbers and creepers overarches, pergolas etc. Accessories to embellish the garden are fountains spilling sparkling water, carved stepping stones, benches, birdbaths and mosaic encrusted urns — just a few of the temptations. Keep in mind that a simple path, lush greenery and gentle landscapes can turn the brief journey from your front yard to your back yard into a breathtaking nature walk.

Bioaesthetic Planning

The main objective of bioaesthetic planning is to beautify the city roads, parks, public places and even compound wall of the houses using appropriate trees and plants. It is a "planned ecology of living beings" from artistic and aesthetic point of view in both towns and villages and goes hand-in-hand with town planning.

Gardening - An Art or a Science?

A combination of both. It is not only the acquisition of workable knowledge of the science of plants but requires artistic taste. It is the skillful arrangement of plants in a garden making a pattern, a design or a picture. Unless you know the growth habits and the knowledge of raising plants you cannot achieve your aim of planting them at appropriate places, though you are an expert designer or an artist.

Green Thumb?

It is only a myth. You may wonder why some people excel in gardening. In fact, anybody can become an expert and excel in gardening by learning proper gardening techniques with interest and devotion. Thus, one can make one's brown thumb green.

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TREE FACTS

USEFUL TIPS

- One need not have a great deal of space to start a gardening adventure: a small backyard, a balcony or an open space around your place is sufficient.
- Before you venture into gardening decide about your preference whether you need an ornamental garden, vegetable garden or a few shrubs / trees or a lush green lawn or settle for a few plants in pots.
- Before starting, make a frank assessment of the positive and negative aspects of your yard.
- It is very necessary to check the soil and water resources and their quality before starting gardening. If you have weeds in the yard then the soil is fairly healthy.
- Creating or designing a garden in many ways is like decorating the interior of a house. Your main objective is to end up with practical, pleasurable living space that suits all in your family.
- One must think out and evolve a design which would give the maximum of pleasing effect under the prevailing circumstances. With careful planning/ designing even the most barren land can get a new lease of life. Therefore, take note of your favourite designing ideas. Think about whether they work for you. Sometimes simplest ideas can make the big changes.
- For landscaping, it is always better to seek the help of a professional to save more money in the long run.
- Remember that the arrangement of plants with their colourful blooms and foliage in any garden reflects the taste and personality of the creator/ inmates.
- In the beginning one will experience several doubts and difficulties in practical gardening. Exchange ideas with friends/ colleague/ neighbours practicing gardening. Consult books on gardening.
- Make the entrances look jazz to evoke interest of passersby — a time-tested theory. It should be the envy of your neighbours.
- If the frontage is facing South or South East, it is always advantageous. The lawns and flowering annual can be successfully grown.
- Plant trees and tall shrubs on the Western and Northern side.
- Evening is the best time for watering. Annuals need more water than perennials. Once established, trees and shrubs need watering only a few days in a month.
- Dig a pit in the "back yard" or in the "work yard enclosure" and put all the dried leaves, weeds, grasses, vegetable waste etc., in a shady area (under a tree) and compost them.
- Go organic and try to use organic manure and bio-pesticides as far as possible.
- Nothing is more dull than an unattended garden with dried up vegetation, overgrown with weeds. It reflects the negligent attitude of the master.

For successful gardening, there are two golden rules:

- **Perseverance:** Do not be disheartened if your efforts are a failure in the beginning. Keep a record of what you do and note where you make mistakes.
- **Personal attention:** Success comes with personal touch. Remember the old saying "Master's foot is the best dung." Few *malis* work well unless they are made to realise that master is taking a personal interest in the success of their work.

TAILPIECE: It is always easier said than done. Applies to me as well.

Techie returns to Roots, starts Organic movement

S.C. Madhuchandan

Driving on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway as one crosses Mandya, the sugar bowl of the State, near Budanur, on the left is a supermarket which attracts the eye by its very name 'Organic Mandya.' The story of this supermarket and the man behind it, who has returned to his roots, is a tale of understanding, sacrifice and wanting to do something to the farming community. Now read on... —Ed

By N. Niranjan Nikam

Studying in the prestigious PES College of Engineering in Mandya and graduating in Electronics and Communication, like most techies, his sights were set abroad. After working in a few international companies and travelling to the US, UK, Israel, South Africa, Philippines for 15 to 16 years, his heart was set on returning to his roots.

But before this, he had even set up his own software company *Verifaya Corporation* in 2005, which was funded by Intel Capital, where he continues to have his interest. He is **S.C. Madhuchandan,** who drove all the way from his village Sunagahalli in Mandya district to *Star of Mysore* Office in Mysuru, along with his friend **K.N. Mahadev,** to share his thoughts and ideas.

Speaking to *SOM,* he said, "I was born in Mandya and grew up in the 3,000-acre University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) campus in Bengaluru where my father Dr. Chikkadevaiah, who also became the in-charge Vice-Chancellor of UAS, was working. It was pure bliss in a completely rural setting amidst the cacophony of a capital city. After passing out of PES Mandya I worked in companies like Wipro Technologies, NESS Tech."

Returning to Mandya, his hometown in 2014, his goal was to become a farmer and make honest living.

However, after observing hardships suffered by farmers on a day-to-day basis, he changed his mind and decided to do something about the situation for the collective good.

"Mandya had changed a lot. At one time it was one of the richest districts in India. I now live in Sunagahalli. I was working in my farm and one of the farmers suddenly told me, that his (farmer) grandfather used to resemble me. He used to wear *jubba* which had a pocket that was filled with currency notes. The grandmothers used to wear gold coin necklace *(kaasina sara)*. People had no dearth of money in Mandya due to sustainable living as expenses were almost nil and most of them lived up to 90 - 100 years. This is what we saw during our growing up years," Madhuchandan recalled.

> **'I want to make Mandya District Chemical-free by 2020'**
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> **— Madhuchandan**

All this had changed when he returned from America in 2014, as most of the youth, both boys and girls, were migrating to Bengaluru in search of jobs leaving behind their villages. He started noticing this trend when he moved around in autorickshaws and found that some of the drivers were from Mandya. When he dug a little deeper he saw that girls were working in garment factories and as maids, aged men were working as security guards, young men as delivery boys and also as cab drivers.

The migration was almost 50 to 60 per cent which was not at all healthy for the district and added to this was the farmers' suicides. This forced him to think more about his district.

"When I returned from the US, I could not speak fluent Kannada nor write the language. Now after four years, not only can I speak the local lingo as I work in my farm with the farm labour but also write," said Madhuchandan, who has adapted himself so well to the village life that he now looks like a typical well-built, rugged Mandya farmer.

Madhuchandan used to come to Mandya and check into a hotel and get in touch with his friends and started interacting with them to understand about the changes in the district.

"I was born in the General Hospital in Mandya in 1977. The stone building hospital is located in the centre of the 25-acre campus. As one entered the hospital in the main building and turned to the right, there were four male wards with two beds each. On the left side were four female wards with two beds each. But there were hardly any patients lying there. The population in Mandya in 1977 according to census was five lakhs. For the whole district there was just one hospital," he reminisced.

There was a road that ran next to the hospital called Hospital Road where there was just one medical shop selling medicines in 1977. When he came in back in 2014, the population had gone up to 20 lakhs.

"That means a 16-bed hospital should become 64-bed hospital as we have progressed and since technology is there and we have become more intelligent, the bed strength should come down. Instead, the General Hospital has become a 750-bed hospital and added to this is a Medical College — Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences. Besides, there are 45 medical shops on one road and in Mandya city there are 52 private nursing homes and in the whole city, 202 medical shops. Nothing has progressed according to proportion. Instead it has gone haywire. There are 650-plus Primary Health Centres in Srirangapatna, Nagamangala, K.R. Pet, Malavalli — all put together. What this indicates is that health of Mandya is deteriorating," he rued.

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ORGANIC MANDYA
In association with Mandya Organic Farmers Co-operative Society

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This is not just the story of Mandya but the whole of Karnataka today. In one generation, life expectancy has gone down by 30 years. Added to this the health of the youth has deteriorated, wealth is gone and they are in deep debts and people with just two or three acres of land-holdings are migrating, is what he found in his study. But the farmers with self-respect who have become old and are not able to migrate are committing suicide setting themselves on fire in sugarcane fields.

This is the reality and when one looks at the reason which our data reveals, earlier the peasants would hardly buy anything, not even tooth brush or soap bar. At the most they would buy clothes for marriages or matchbox for lighting stoves. Everything else they would produce in the village. If the men had to have a hair cut, the hair dresser would be paid five or ten *seers* of paddy and he would cut the hair throughout the year. Only whatever surplus they had, they would sell outside, he said.

"Hence, the outflow of money was less and income was more and therefore they were able to lead a sustainable life. They never bought any vegetables, greens, fruits, pulses, cereals, butter, ghee. Today except for rice, everything is bought from outside in the market. This itself comes to around Rs.3,000 to Rs.5,000 and how can a farmer earn this kind of money in his two or three-acre farm," he wondered.

Thus knowingly or unknowingly everyone fell into the trap and sustainable living was out of their grasp. We did not bother to do a small bit of research on our ancient methodology, instead we just pulled out western method of living and practice and fitted it into our lives. This became a big disaster for our farmers, he said.

"The mantra we decided was, let us live like our grandparents, let us reintroduce their way of living and thinking, which is nothing but sustainable living. If you want wealth or health follow them. We have seen the consequences of new methodology like using fertilisers, chemicals or new way of living, buying from outside. Instead of sitting in a 10,000 square feet area where there is a house, why can't one grow greens, vegetables or fruits. But, farmers have started going for walks. Villages have gyms, which is utter nonsense. Instead use your energy and grow all these yourselves. Imagine farmers buying milk instead of rearing cows which will give them milk. The cow also gives food for land, its urine-free pesticides and free urea," Madhuchandan observed.

Genesis of Organic Mandya

"When we tell people go back to the roots, that is the trend. This is much more advanced and the word 'organic' sells to make our farmers' lives smooth-going. No government can help the farmer all the time. It is he who has to have the determination and set things for himself. Waiving of loan will never help the farmer. It is only a temporary measure. Sustainability is the only permanent measure," said Madhuchandan.

"This is the genesis of *'Organic Mandya'* which has now become a big revolution. People started coming together and we formed **Mandya Organic Farmers Co-operative Society** with all like-minded farmers in 2015 of which my friend Mahadev is the President," he said.

We started **Organic Farmers Club** in about 330 villages of Mandya district to encourage men to grow chemical-free food for their family. In each of the group there are 20-30 farmers. This was for the men who grew pulses and cereals. Then we encouraged women to grow vegetables, greens and fruits in their backyard and we started **Kitchen Garden** *(Keere Madi)* **Women's Club** in about 220 villages and there are about 4,000 kitchen gardens, he said.

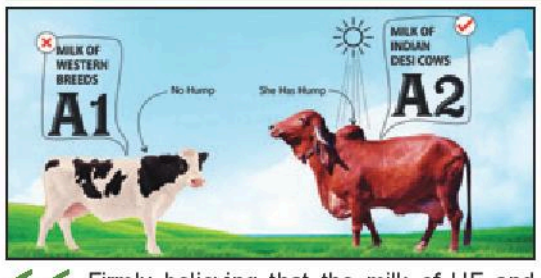
To encourage youth we started **Organic Kabaddi Boys Team** for which Mandya is always well-known in 60 villages and are conducting Organic Cup tournaments. That is how we have integrated men, women and youth and we have 12,000 members in Mandya Organic Farmers Cooperative Society, he said.

"The **Sweat Donation** programme is another initiative of ours which we started in Bengaluru. We just appealed to the young work force, 'why do you waste your sweat in the gym, come work in the field, help a farmer. Your goal is to become healthy, at the same time your sweat will not go waste, it will help farmers.' So many techies are coming for this programme," he said.

Finally, by infusing money we started this company *Organic Mandya* to create market to our back-end activities. We have seven to eight stores in Bengaluru.

But why we chose the name is because Mandya is called Sugar City and the problem now is 55 per cent of the people here have diabetes. Hence, we wanted to change the name of the district to make it look healthier and thus the brand name *Organic Mandya.* Apart from this, the goal is also to see that *'I make Mandya District Chemical-free by 2020,'* signed off Madhuchandan.

Desi Milk



"Firmly believing that the milk of HF and Jersey Cows (Bos Taurus) are harmful to man's health, Madhuchandan decided to introduce Desi breed cow (Bos Indicus) milk in the market. He started procuring milk from Siddapur and Thithimathi in Kodgau where desi cows (Nati hasu-local breeds) graze in the forest which is a natural fodder unlike the feed with chemicals that Jersey cows eat.

"In the name of milk revolution, each Jersey cow started yielding an abnormal 40 to 50 litres of milk. But the problem started as those who drank this milk of HF and Jersey, which contained A1 proteins, had gastric symptoms apart from migraine and sinusitis," he said.

"However, it is proven that in the desi cow breeds which contains A2 proteins such health issues are not there. For instance, in Australia the milk of cows with A2 proteins is patented and sold at premium rates," he added.

Asked how much milk he procures daily, Madhuchandan said, "We procure 1,200 to 1,300 litres of milk daily from Siddapur, Thithimathi and a few other places and send it to Bengaluru where we sell it at Rs.90 a litre. We have also introduced this milk in Mysuru and selling it at Rs.75 a litre. The milk is being delivered at home."

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Raga Vaibhava to present Grand Karnatak Violin Concert in city tomorrow

By M.L. Krishnaswami

Mysuru's premier Music Sabha "Raga Vaibhava" is organising a Grand Karnatak Violin Concert on Feb.24 by the popular and leading violinist brothers Vid. Mysore M. Nagaraj and Vid. Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Auditorium, JLB Road, at 6 pm.

The accompanying artistes are Vid. Thiruvarur Bhakthavatsala on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

The brothers Vid. Nagaraj and Vid. Manjunath are the sons of late Vid. Mahadevappa, who was a direct disciple of the well-known Violin maestro of India, late Vid. Chowdaiah. The two brothers are illustriously carrying on the tradition established worldwide by Chowdaiah and have carved a niche for themselves in the world of music by their individual as well as joint performances. Both are 'A' top artistes of All India Radio and Manjunath is also a Professor of Music in the Mysore University and spreading the fragrance of Karnatak music across the continents.

All major music Sabhas in the country have had programmes of the brothers who have created unrivalled record as star performers in prestigious organisations — from Royal Albert Hall London to Sydney Opera House of Australia. The Americas, Italy and even Middle Eastern countries have invited them to give performances. Dr. M. Manjunatha holds a Master of Music degree in violin from Mysore Varsity.

Off the stage, the brothers are earthy in nature and their worldwide reputation has only enhanced their cool composure towards the city of their birth, when they mingle with the fellow citizens of Mysuru as good friends.

Mysuru is really lucky to have these charming brothers in its midst. Come to Nadabrahma Sabha on the evening of 24th instant and enjoy the grand music programme by the two jewels of Namma Mysuru.

India's history is being distorted: NSD Director

Bengaluru-based National School of Drama (NSD) Director C. Basavalingaiah inaugurating 'Rashtriya Ranga Utsava' at Kalamandira in city on Thursday as other dignitaries look on.

Mysuru, Feb.23 (MK&NNN)- The world is moving towards violence, in the country history is being distorted and epic poems are misconstrued as history, regretted National School of Drama (NSD) Director C. Basavalingaiah.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Rashtriya Ranga Utsava,' a five-day theatre fest organised by Abhiyenthararu at Kalamandira here on Thursday and said that today's youth without understanding or being aware of history are giving importance to rumours and Whatsapp forwards, which is a sad development.

India is a pluralistic, diverse country but stands united where national and international interests are concerned. Theatre is very much a part of this discussion which reflects the goings on in society. Such Ranga Utsavas throw light on these kinds of developments, he said.

In Bengaluru, a cosmopolitan city, there are people speaking different languages and national-level dramas are being staged. Similarly in Delhi international theatre festivals are being organised. Mysuru being a cultural capital, experimentation in theatre is always going on here. The Kannada and Culture Department and Rangayana have been organising several theatre festivals. Bahuroopi and National Theatre Festival held recently have been very successful, he said.

South Zone Regional Centre Member T.N. Nanjundaswamy said that through his centre plays are being staged in villages in the State. As a result people are moving away from watching TV and coming to watch plays.

Since the last two years efforts are on to preserve arts which are being destroyed and also moves are on to extend theatre activities in all places. In this direction folk songs programme is being organised at Male Mahadeshwara Hills. Apart from Kannada and Culture Department other departments must also encourage arts, he said.

The government is spending crores of rupees for art and culture and this money must reach the rural talents and artistes at State and national level must be encouraged, he said.

Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Hanuru Chennappa, Abhiyenthararu President H.S. Suresh Babu and Secretary B.S. Tandavamurthy were present on the dais.

Mahamood Gaawaan play staged: Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekar Kambar's play *'Mahamood Gaawaan'* was staged at Kalamandira as part of the inauguration of the theatre festival. The play was written only recently and was adapted into theatre by the hosts Abhiyenthararu.

Actors Manju Upadhyaya, R.V.Rohit, K.G. Rajkumar, K. Gautham, Supriya N. Vaidya, U. Samrat, Bhavani Hebbasur, B.R. Nagesh, T. Yoganand, N.S. Mahadevaswamy, S.P. Parthasarathy, P. Sujit, V. Manohar, Prajwal Kumar, M. Vishal and V. Lavish displayed their acting skills and entertained the audience.

Today, Geegi Pada by Kalaburagi's Shakunthala Bai at 5.30 pm; Staging of Marathi play *'Mahanirvan'* by Natak Company, Pune, at 7 pm.

Kannada Geetha Lahari at Ganabharathi on Feb.24

Leelavathi *Vid. Paramasivan* *Dharitri* *Pt. Nagaraj*

Lakshmi and Indu Nagaraj

Ganabharathi is organising a special programme of introducing great literary works of renowned Kannada poets through various genres of music, like Sugama Sangeetha, Ranga Sangeetha, Film Music, Gamaka and Classical Music — both Hindustani and Karnatak. It is a day-long programme from 10 am to 9 pm on Feb. 24 at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar.

Sugama Sangeetha - 10 am to 11.30 am: H.R. Leelavathi, one of the pioneers of Sugama Sangeetha, has served this genre since 68 years and continues still by teaching students and directing the orchestra. She is one of the singers, who could present a solo performance in Sugama Sangeetha for three hours. She has served as composer on AIR and directed many geetha roopakas and plays. Leelavathi will inaugurate the programme and present a light music concert.

Ranga Sangeetha - 11.30 to 1 pm: Vid.Paramasivan, the doyen of Ranga Sangeetha, is equally proficient in veena and violin. Trained under court musician Vid. Devendrappa, he has worked with all the famous theatre groups and also with Dr. Rajkumar. A living treasure of theatre music, he has acted and sung in thousands of productions. Even at the ripe age of 90, it is a treat to listen to him.

Film Music - 2 pm to 3.30 pm: Lakshmi and Indu Nagaraj, also known as Chilkunda Sisters, are well-known names in playback singing. They had their initial training in music from their grandmother late Vidushi C.S. Satyalakshmi and later under their father Vid. Nagaraj. Indu Nagaraj is the recipient of Filmfare Award for the song *"Pyarge Aagbittaite"* from *Govindaya Namaha* and Lakshmi is the recipient of Best Playback Singer Award for the song *'Omkara'* in *Aptarakshaka.*

Gamaka - 3.30 pm to 5 pm: Dharitri Ananda Rao is a Post-Graduate in Music from Mysore University. A 'B' graded artiste in both light classical and Kannada Geethe division in the AIR, her gamaka recitals are extremely popular. She runs 'Nadavapushpa' music school and is the recipient of many awards.

Karnatak Classical - 5.30 pm to 7 pm: Vid. G. Ravikiran is a well-established Karnatak vocalist, who had his training under Vidwan R.S. Ramakanth and then under Sangeetha Kalanidhi Vidwan R.K. Srikantan. Now he is learning from Magsaysay award winner Vid. T. M. Krishna. He was awarded Sub Senior Best Vocalist prize by Madras Music Academy in 2018.

Hindustani Classical - 7 pm to 8.30 pm: Pandit Nagaraj Havaldar is a disciple of Madhava Gudi. He holds a "Sangeetha Ratna" and a Doctorate in Music from Karnatak University. He has pioneered to popularise the Kannada Khayal by adapting Vachanas, literary works of Haridasas and contemporary poetry in Kannada, to traditional khayal form. He has scored music for various plays and TV shows such as Karnad's *Taledanda* and P. Lankesh's *Gunamukha*.

Mass 'Shivashakti' Puja held

The 8th Anniversary of 'Sukruthi' Yoga Kendra, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, was held at Sri Vijayamahaganapti Temple in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage recently. Around 108 ladies performed mass 'Shivashakti' puja led by Veda Vidushi Dr. Bhramaramba Maheshwari, the first Mahila Purohit.

Parimala of JD(S) is new ZP Prez, Gowramma (Cong.) VP

Mysuru, Feb.23 (RKB&DM)- Parimala Shyam of JD(S) was elected President and M.V. Gowramma Somashekar was elected Vice-President of the Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) today.

The two were declared elected unopposed by the Regional Commissioner (RC), Mysuru, V. Yashwantha, who was the Returning Officer, as no other candidates remained in the fray.

The ZP President post was reserved for BCA (2A-Woman) category, while the Vice-President post was open to General category. The election was necessitated as Nayeema Sulthana of JD(S) and G. Nataraj of BJP, tendered their resignation as President and Vice-President respectively on Dec.21, 2018 after serving for 31 months, as per an internal agreement between JD(S) and BJP in 2016.

S.R. Nandish, brother of Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, was functioning as Acting President.

The filing of nomination for both the posts began at 8 am, when Parimala of JD(S) was the only one to file nomination for the post. Minutes before the 10 am deadline, Congress candidate Gowramma and BJP candidate A.M. Guruswamy filed their nominations for the Vice-President post, with 12 noon deadline for withdrawal of nomination.

Parimala Shyam (left) and Gowramma Somashekar.

Just a few minutes before the deadline, Guruswamy withdrew his nomination and walked out of the ZP Hall along with seven other BJP members, accusing JD(S) of cheating and breaching JD(S)-BJP internal understanding, at the last minute.

Later, RC Yashwantha declared the election of Parimala of JD(S) as President and Gowramma of Congress as Vice-President.

While Parimala is a JD(S) ZP member from Antarasanthe seat in H.D. Kote taluk, Gowramma is the ZP member from Bilikere seat in Hunsur taluk.

Soon as the Congress announced the name of Gowramma for the VP post, Congress member from Hampapura in H.D. Kote, Srikrishna, who was a strong aspirant for the post, was very much disappointed and even vented out his displeasure before the media.

But District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar succeeded in convincing him, saying that the choice for the VP was made by the Party High Command.

No single party has an absolute majority in the 49-member ZP. The Congress has 21, JD(S) 20 and BJP 8 members in Mysuru ZP, the election to which was held in Feb. 2016 and since then the JD(S), after reaching an internal agreement with the BJP, shared power with the saffron party.

Even till yesterday, JD(S) was talking about continuing the alliance with BJP. But in a late night development, JD(S) top brass asked the local leaders to follow coalition dharma and align with Congress, thus giving a new twist to today's ZP polls.

With today's election, a new era beings in Mysuru ZP, with the JD(S) and Congress combine taking over the reins.

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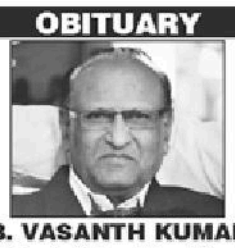

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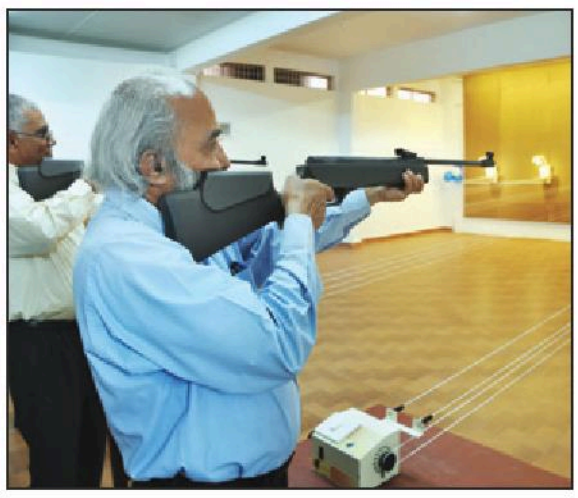
Rifle Shooting Range inaugurated at Coorg Public School



M.M. Thimmaiah, President of Kodagu Academy for Education and Culture (KAEC), inaugurated the Rifle Shooting Range at Coorg Public School (COPS) in Gonikoppal by cutting the ribbon. School Trust Vice-President M.N. Belliappa, Secretary K.A. Poonacha and Treasurer K.A. Subbaiah were also present along with coach Dhirender Singh and COPS Principal Benny Kuriakose. School Head Boy ChehulChinnappa welcomed the gathering. School Head Girl D.R. Gowri proposed a vote of thanks.

Cricket: Majeed shines in Jo Jo CC's win

Mysuru, Feb.23- A good all-round performance by A. Majeed (90 n.o. & two for 21), helped defending champion Jo Jo CC to register a facile 52-run win over The Mysore Gymkhana and enter the semi-finals in the KSCA Mysuru Zone T20 Tournament for Clubs 2018-19 played at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee Grounds here yesterday.

SCORES

JoJoCC: 170 for 4 in 20 overs (A. Majeed 90 n.o., Harshavardhan 27, L. Karthik Kumar 2 for 38) bt **The Mysore Gymkhana:** 118 for 8 in 20 overs (A.R. Krishnan 32 n.o., S. Ravi Raj 26, Somesh Raje Urs 20, Shanth Raj 2 for 23, A. Majeed 2 for 21).

Saraswathipuram SC: 163 for 5 in 20 overs (Goutham Sagar 52, Nishanth Yadav 32, S. Ankith 30, M. Varun 25) bt **Navodaya CC:** 126 for 5 in 20 overs (M.G. Vinyas 26, Nishanth 25, A. Ankith 2 for 19).

MUCSC: 157 for 9 in 20 overs (S. Rajath 66, Sunil Kumar Jain 29, V.K. Fahad 20, Jagadeesh 4 for 30) lost to **Jaihind CC:** 161 for 6 in 19.4 overs (L.R. Chethan 55, Utham Gowda 38, Naveen Patil 2 for 32).

RBNCC: 152 for 3 in 20 overs (P.V. Preetham 71 n.o., Abhishek Reddy 35, Dheemanth 26) bt **Yuvaraja's College:** 128 in 19.2 overs (Srinidhi Urs 52, Yogesh 22, Jairaj 3 for 23, Munish Chengappa 2 for 23).

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BCCI Men's U-23 One-day League & Knock-out Tourney

Delhi beats Karnataka

Nikin Jose fares well

Anand, Feb.23- Delhi scored a 23-run win over Karnataka in the Round VII-Elite Group A & B Men's U-23 One-Day League & Knock-out Tournament (2018-19) tie played at Anand recently.

Karnataka's skipper and Mysuru lad S.J. Nikin Jose fared well by scoring 59 runs.

In the previous league matches, Karnataka scored a 23-run win over Odisha, in which Mysuru lad Kishan S. Bedare scored 47 runs for Karnataka. In the game against Maharashtra, Karnataka registered a 68-run win.

S.J. Nikin Jose

SCORES

Delhi: 243 for 7 in 50 overs (Lakshay 93, Sumit Mathur 56 n.o., Priyarsh Arya 44, V. Vyshak 3 for 56, Aditya Somanna 2 for 46) bt **Karnataka:** 220 in 48.1 overs (S.J. Nikin Jose 59, Devdutt Padikkal 50, Sujith N. Gowda 30).

Karnataka: 222 for 7 in 50 overs (Aditya Somanna 67 n.o., Kishan S. Bedare 47, K.L. Srijith, Preet K. Singh Chouhan 2 for 37, Ayaskant Sahu 2 for 53, Rajkishan Patel 2 for 28) bt **Odisha:** 164 for 9 in 50 overs (Debasish Samantray 24, Ayashkant Sahu 23, V. Vyshak 2 for 31, Devdutt Padikkal 2 for 21).

Karnataka: 307 for 5 in 50 overs (B.R. Sharath 116, K.L. Srijith 86, Devdutt Padikkal 43, Luvnith Sisodia 37, J.P. Zope 3 for 60) bt **Maharashtra:** 239 in 47.2 overs (M.S. Trukwala 58, M.S. Patel 23, M.M. Sayyed 57, A.D. Kalokhe 27 n.o., M. Prasidh 2 for 28, Aditya Somanna 2 for 37, Devdutt Padikkal 2 for 59, M.S. Bhandage 3 for 35).

Basketball: Mangalore BC scores over Rising Star

Bengaluru, Feb.23- Mangalore BC, helped by some inspiring play by Sowkin (20 points), scored a 42-30 win over Rising Star, Mysuru, in the Prof. N.C. Parappa Memorial Rolling Trophy State A-Division Basketball Tournament tie played at Sree Kanteerava Stadium courts on Thursday.

RESULTS

Mangalore BC: 42 (Sowkin 20) bt **Rising Star, Mysuru:** 39 (Amogh 12); [Ht: 10-19].

SAT Sports Open U-10 Tennis

City's Aditi finishes runner-up

H. Aditi from Bharath Tennis Express Academy, Mysuru, who took part in the SAT Sports Open U-10 Tennis Tourney held at Bengaluru recently, secured the runner-up sport in the Girls U-10 section. In the final, S. Sana beat Aditi 4-2, 4-0 to clinch the title.

"ಮನುಷ್ಯ ತನ್ನ ಜನರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕೆ
ಎಷ್ಟು ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತಾನೋ,
ಅಷ್ಟೇ ದೊಡ್ಡವನಾಗುತ್ತಾನೆ"
– ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಡಾ॥ ಜಿ. ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರ
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು

ಕಾಂಪೀಟ್ ವಿತ್ ಚೈನಾ ಯೋಜನೆ ಮೂಲಕ 9 ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಕ್ಲಸ್ಟರ್‌ಗಳ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ.
9 ಲಕ್ಷ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಯ ಗುರಿ.

ಮೈತ್ರಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಉದ್ಯಮ 'ಸ್ನೇಹಿ' ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಆಯವ್ಯಯ 2019-20 ಪ್ರಗತಿಪರ-ಜನಪರ

ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಕೈಗನ್ನಡಿ – ಆಯವ್ಯಯ 2019-20

ಕಾಂಪೀಟ್ ವಿತ್ ಚೈನಾ ಯೋಜನೆ

- ಉತ್ಪಾದನಾವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡುವ ಬಹುಉದ್ದೇಶಿತ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ 110 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಅನುದಾನ.
- 9 ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 9 ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಕ್ಲಸ್ಟರ್ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ; 9 ಲಕ್ಷ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿ ಗುರಿ
- ● ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ-ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಾನಿಕ್ ಉಡುಪುಗಳು ● ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ-ಜವಳಿ
  ● ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ-ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಬಿಡಿಭಾಗ
  ● ಮೈಸೂರು-ಪ್ರಿಂಟೆಡ್ ಸರ್ಕ್ಯೂಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ಸ್
  ● ಹಾಸನ-ಟೈಲ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಯಾನಿಟರಿ ಉಪಕರಣ
  ● ಕಲಬುರಗಿ-ಸೋಲಾರ್ ಪ್ಯಾನಲ್ಸ್
  ● ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ-ಎಲ್‌ಇಡಿ ಲೈಟ್ಸ್ ● ಚಿಂದರ್-ಕೃಷಿ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳು
  ● ತುಮಕೂರು- ಕ್ರೀಡೆ ಮತ್ತು ವ್ಯಾಯಾಮ ಸಲಕರಣೆಗಳು
- ಆಯಾ ಉದ್ಯಮ ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಷನ್ ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ರಚನೆ.
- ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಮತ್ತು ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉದ್ಯಮ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗೆ ಚಾಲನೆ.

"ತುಮಕೂರು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ನೋಡ್"

- 'ಬೆಸ್ಕ-ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಕಾರಿಡಾರ್' ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಸಂತನರಸಾಪುರದ 9,629 ಎಕರೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ 'ತುಮಕೂರು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ನೋಡ್' ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ.
- ಸಿಐಐ 'ತುಮಕೂರು ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರಿಯಲ್ ಟೌನ್‌ಷಿಪ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್' ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ. 50,000 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ ವರೆಗೆ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು 2 ಲಕ್ಷ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆ.
- ವಸಂತನರಸಾಪುರ, ತುಮಕೂರು, ರಾಮನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಡುವೆ ರೈಲು ಆಧಾರಿತ ಸಮರ್ಥ ಸಾಮೂಹಿಕ ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕಾ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ.

ಜಾಗತಿಕ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಸಮಾವೇಶ

- ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹರಿಸಲು ಜನವರಿ-2020ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ "ಜಾಗತಿಕ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಸಮಾವೇಶ" ಆಯೋಜನೆ.

ನೂತನ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ನೀತಿ

- ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಸಮಗ್ರ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ 'ನೂತನ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ನೀತಿ';
- ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳು, ಟಯರ್ 2 ಮತ್ತು 3 ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಆಕರ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಆದ್ಯತೆ.
- ನೂತನ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ.

ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ

- ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಾಗಮಂಗಲ, ಕಲಬುರಗಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಜಿತ್ತಾಪೂರ, ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮುಳವಾಡ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕಣಗಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮಧುಗಿರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ.

ಎಂಎಸ್‌ಎಂಇ – ಸಾರ್ಥಕ್

- ಹೊಸ್ಕ, ಹಣ್ಣ ಮತ್ತು ಮಧ್ಯಮ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಗೆ ತರಲು "ಉಳಿಕೆಗೆ ಸಿದ್ಧವಿರುವ ಕೃಷಿಕ್ಷೆ" ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಯೋಜನೆ.
- ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟದ ಕಚ್ಚಾವಸ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಲ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ. 5 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಮೀಸಲು

ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ ಪುನಶ್ಚೇತನ

- ಹಲವಾರು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ನಷ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮಂಡ್ಯದ 'ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ' ಪುನಶ್ಚೇತನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ 100 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಅನುದಾನ

ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಶೆಡ್ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗೆ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಧನ

- ಖಾಸಗಿ ಬಂಡವಾಳ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಶೆಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹಧನ. 50 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಮೀಸಲು.

ಕಲ್ಪವೃಕ್ಷ ಕಾಯಕ

- ತೆಂಗಿನ ಸಾರಿನ ಉದ್ದಿಮೆಗಳ ಉತ್ತೇಜನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಗ್ರ ತೆಂಗಿನ ಸಾರಿನ ನೀತಿ. ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ 80 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಅನುದಾನ.
- ಸ್ವ-ಸಹಾಯ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ತೆಂಗಿನ ಸಿಪ್ಪೆ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗೆ ಶೇ.10ರಷ್ಟು ಸಹಾಯಧನ.
- ತೆಂಗಿನ ಸಾರಿನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ಘಟಕಗಳ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗೆ ಸ್ವ-ಸಹಾಯ ಸಂಘ ಅಥವಾ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಘಟಕಗಳಿಗೆ ಶೇ.90ರಷ್ಟು ಅಥವಾ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 25 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ. ಮೀರದಂತೆ ಸಹಾಯಧನ.
- ತೆಂಗು ಸಾರಿನ ಮೌಲ್ಯಾಧಾರಿತ ಉತ್ಪಾದನಾ ಘಟಕಗಳ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗೆ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ. ಪ್ರತಿ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ 1 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಸಹಾಯಧನ.

ಡಿಸೈನ್ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕ್

- ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದ ಡಿಸೈನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಉದ್ಯಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸದ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳ ತಯಾರಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ 2 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಅನುದಾನ.

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್

- ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲೂ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ಸೃಜಿಸಲು 50 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಗಳ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್.

ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಮಗ್ಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಕೋಷ್ಟಿಕ್ ಉಪಕರಣ

- ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಮಗ್ಗಗಳಿಂದ ಉಂಟಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಶಬ್ದ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅಕೋಷ್ಟಿಕ್ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ. 5 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಮೀಸಲು.

ಕಲಾಗ್ರಾಮ

- ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ದೊಡ್ಡಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಐಟಿ 'ಕಲಾಗ್ರಾಮ' ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ.
- ಸಣ್ಣ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಡಿಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ನಿಗಮ-ಮಂಡಳಿಗಳಿಂದ ಕರಕುಶಲಕರ್ಮಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ.
- ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮ್ಯೂಸಿಯಂ ಮತ್ತು ಖಯಲು ರಂಗಮಂದಿರ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಕೇಂದ್ರವಾಗಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ. ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ 10 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಮೀಸಲು.

ಹೊಲಿಗೆ ಯಂತ್ರ ಸಹಾಯಧನ

- ಹೊಲಿಗೆ ಯಂತ್ರ ಆಪರೇಟರ್ ತರಬೇತಿ ಪಡೆದ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಯಂ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ. ಹೊಲಿಗೆ ಯಂತ್ರ ಖರೀದಿಗೆ ಶೇ.50ರಷ್ಟು ಸಹಾಯಧನ. 2 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ಮೀಸಲು.

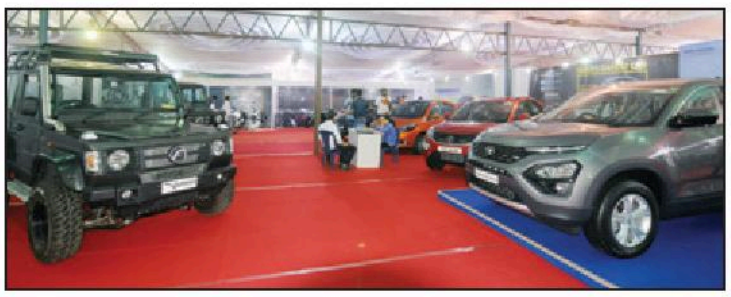
ಎಲ್ಲ ಸೈಯಕ್ಲಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮೂಹಿಕ ಕುಟುಂಬಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಉಚ್ಚಾಯವನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ಸಂವಿಧಾನ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತಿ ದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಗತಿಗಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುವುದು ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ ಭಾರತೀಯರ ಸಂಕಲ್ಪವಾಗಿದ್ದ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ

ಮೈತ್ರಿಯ ನಡಿಗೆ – ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಕಡೆಗೆ

ಗಾಂಧಿ 150

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಾರ್ತೆ
ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಇಲಾಖೆ

Mysuru Auto Expo to conclude tomorrow



Mysuru, Feb.23- Mysuru Auto Expo, an exhibition of Automobile Products and Accessories, is being held at Scouts and Guides Grounds in city from Feb. 22 to 24 between 10.30 am and 8.30 pm.

The Exhibition organised for the 21st time has a wide range of Automobile Companies participating. This Mega Expo also features an exclusive range of products, and is a meeting point for all those interested and involved in Automobiles.

Mysuru Auto Expo is a journey to come across the latest in Cars and Bikes, Jeep, Kinetic, Kawasaki and favourite brands in the likes of Toyota, Hyundai, Mahindra, TATA, Renault, Maruti, Nissan, Nexa, Royal Enfield, Honda Two Wheelers, TVS, VW, Suzuki etc.

Suzuki has organised a huge exchange mela on their bikes at the Exhibition. The exciting range of super bikes from Kinetic, Kawasaki and the launch of TATA Harrier & a 650 cc bike from Royal Enfield is a must-see for all the citizens of Mysuru.

Good response for Special Voter Enrolment Camp

Drive to continue tomorrow also; second camp on Mar.2 and 3

Mysuru, Feb.23- The first round of two-day special voter enrolment camp 'Minchina Nondani' to enrol new voters and verify the voter list for the forthcoming Parliamentary elections began in all polling stations across the city and district this morning.

The District Administration has taken up this drive from 10 am to 5 pm in all polling booths in every Assembly segment to facilitate all unregistered but eligible voters including youths having attained the age of 18 years as on Jan. 1, 2019 to get their names registered in the electoral rolls. This drive is also focused on women voters' enrolment. Besides, correction in names and addresses of registered voters is done.

The camps are being held to ensure that correct and updated information was added in each voter's electoral photo identity card (EPIC) and no eligible voter is deprived of voting right during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The special drive has been initiated across the State by the Chief Election Commissioner of India. The drive will conclude tomorrow evening. Officials will send the list to the District Electoral officer who in turn will send the list to the State Election Commission in the prescribed format for the inclusion in the voters list. Once the list is approved, voter slips will be sent to the houses of the respective voters, said the officials.

Though the drive across the city began at 10 am, officials who were in-charge of enrolling voters had not come to some booths even at 11 am. Many people complained to media and election authorities against errant officials. *Star of Mysore* office too received many phone calls in this regard. The Election Department will hold second round of such special camps on March 2 and 3. "People are requested to utilise this opportunity to verify if their name is there in the electoral rolls. Mere possession of Electoral Photo Identity Card does not guarantee franchise unless they are enrolled in the poll roll.

Summer Inferno

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Even the Gundlupet-Ooty NH 67 road has been temporarily closed today to insulate the vehicles plying on the road from fire mishaps. According to the Forest Department officials the fire is raging from the past three days and nearly 2,500 acres of forest land has been destroyed in the forest fire so far. One of the main reasons that it is difficult to control the fire is the strong winds that are blowing causing the fast spread of fire. The threat is reckoned to be high this year due to dense growth of vegetation owing to copious rains during monsoon followed by unseasonal rains during November. Chief Conservator of Forests Ambadi Madhav said that a good spell of the monsoon this year resulted in thick growth of foliage and vegetation.

Volunteers' help sought: The Forest Department in a bid to contain the fire has sought the help of the volunteers who can work with the fire watchers to control the fire.

Sindhu flies Tejas

India's ace badminton player P.V. Sindhu flies HAL's Light Combat Aircraft Tejas as part of Women's Day celebrations at the ongoing Aero India Show this morning.

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Natasaarvabhowma	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Seetharama Kalyana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Chambal	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kalbettada Darodekoraru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
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Total Dhamaal	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
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MA Pass	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
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NTR-Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Natasarvabhouma (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	7.05 pm; (S-2) 1.45 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am, 6.55 pm
Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Yaarige Yaaruntu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

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Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 4.00 pm
Natasarvabhouma (K)	(S-4)	3.55 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 1.05 pm 4.15 pm, 9.50 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-4)	10.35 am
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 1.40 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.10, 9.55 pm
Chambal (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
	(S-1)	7.25 pm
Striker (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
NTR - Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 7.00 pm
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	10.00 am
Total Dhamaal (H)	10.10 am, 1 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 9.30 pm
Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	10.40 am
Striker (K)	12.20 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	1.45 pm, 7.10 pm
Natasaarvabhowma (K)	3.10 pm
Gully Boy (H)	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Chambal (K)	4.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	6.30 pm
LKG (Ta)	9.45 pm
Kumbalangi Nights (Ma)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.23)

District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department and Banjara (Lambani) Seva Sangha, Mysuru: 280th Santa Sri Sevalal Jayanti, Sugama Sangeetha (Banjara Geetegalu) by Sri Yashu Nayaka and troupe, Mysuru, **2.30 pm;** District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, Minister S.R. Mahesh guest of honour, MLA L. Nagendra presides, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, ZP Acting President S.R. Nandish and MPs Pratap Simha, R. Dhruvanarayan & L. Shivaramegowda chief guests, Kalamandira, **3 pm.**

Shankar Mahadevan Academy and INSPIRE India Project: Celebration of Learning, guest performance by Rahul Vellal, 11-year-old child prodigy, accompanied by various artistes, performance by RMSD girls and IIP - Mysuru Centre Students, Mahajana Alumni Association Hall, Jayalakshmipuram, **4 pm.**

Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru Sub-Zone: Programme on 'Password for happy living' by Sister BK Shivani, TV icon and motivational speaker, Delhi, BK Karunaji graces the occasion, BK Lakshmiji chairs, District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, Transport Department Principal Secretary Dr. B. Basavaraj chief guest, Commissioner for Textile Development and Director of Handlooms and Textiles, GoK, Bengaluru, Dr. M.R. Ravi guest of honour, KSOU Convocation Hall, Hunsur Road, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

NIE First Grade College, Vishweshwaranagar: Annual Day celebrations, Sri Nimishambha School of Dance Vid. Sridhar Jain chief guest, NIE-MC Hon. Secretary G.S. Ramachandra guest of honour, NIE-MC Director T.K.Chittaranjan presides, NIE Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex, Manandavadi Road, **5 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Sri Ishtanandaji speaks on 'Progressive Dharma,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Mysuru District Gamaka Kala Parishat: Kavya Vyasanga Goshti-19, Kavya 'PuTiNa's Srihari Charite - Ullasa 19 - Indraparva Samrambham' vaachana by Vid. Dr. M.S. Sanath Kumar - Mattur and Vyaakhyaana by Vid. Achyuta Avadhani - Mattur, #1315/2, Haripriya, 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Vrutti Rangageeta Kala Vaibhava, Rajyotsava awardee Vid. Y.M. Puttannaiah chief guest, theatre songs programme by school children under the direction of Y.M. Puttannaiah, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha - Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, Mysuru: Shivanubhava Dasoha - 256, Sri Sri Kuderu Mutt Seer Sri Gurushanta Swamiji presides, talk on 'Sharaneyara Pragatipara Chintanegalu' by Prof. K.R. Premaleela, Bhajans by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Bhajana Mandali, residence of Sarvamangala S. Swamy, #780, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Lalitadripura, **6 pm.**

Abhiyenthararu National Theatre Festival

Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Kannada & Culture Department and South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC): Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), Geegi Pada by Kalaburagi's Shakunthala Bai, Kindarajogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Marathi play 'Mahanirvan' by Natak Company, Pune (written and directed by Satish Alekar), Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.24)

Samudyata Shrotru Sangha and Deepti Samskrutika Vedike: Inauguration of 'Rushi Kirana Prakashana' and books release, MP Pratap Simha releases M.N. Lokesh's 'Lekhana - Avalokana,' littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar releases 'Kuditta Kanasu,' MLA L. Nagendra chief guest, Mysuru Akashavani H. Srinivas presides, Dr. Jayappa Honnali speaks on 'Kuditta Kanasu,' Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy speaks on 'Lekhana - Avalokana,' Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, JLB Road, **10 am.**

The Anathalaya - Sahitya Sangha 2018-19 and Lokasevanirata V. Narayanarao Smaraka Nidhi: 25th annual Kannada debate contest [Topic: Arthika Adharada Misalati Mumbaruva Samajika Sangharshagalige Karanavaguttade], **10 am;** Valedictory, The Anathalaya President R. Guru presides, writer Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj chief guest, Annapurna Nilaya, The Anathalaya, **4 pm.**

Bharata Kannada Parishat, Mysuru and Yukta Prakashana, Mysuru: Books release — M.S. Rachappa's 'Sarathiya Antarala,' R. Rangaswamy's 'Manada Kannadi,' P.N. Basavaraj's 'Kanasina Kusuma' and Ramanna Thatti's 'Janani Janmabhumi,' poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar inaugurates, senior writer Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy presides, Bharata Kannada Parishat State President Raghavendra Kumar delivers keynote address, writer Dr. K.R. Premaleela releases the books, retd. Kannada & Culture Director M.G. Sadanandaiah and writer C.E. Jnanesh Kumar will speak on the books, senior writer from Haveri Hanumanta Gowda Gollara and former Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Prof. N. Girigowda chief guest, felicitation to publisher K.C. Omkarappa, Venkatakrishnaiah auditorium, Sarada Vilas Law College, **10 am.**

Sri Veereshwara Punyashrama, Gadag, Pt. Panchakshara Gawai Snathakotara Sangeetha Kendra, Gadag and Chilipili Sangeetha Samskrutika Kala Academy, Dharwad: Mysuru Divisional-level Vachana Gayana Contest, Dr. Jyoti Kudligi inaugurates, M.V. Ramprasad presides, singer D.P. Vinayashri chief guest, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha (Mini Hall), JLB Road, **10 am.**

Vedanta Bharati: Valedictory of Discourse Week 'Bhashamrutavahini,' Sri Shankara Bharati Swamiji graces the occasion, MIT President Dr. S. Murali chief guest, NIE Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex auditorium, Manandavadi Road, **10.30 am.**

Art Expo: National Science Day, painting expo by artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya, Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat Director M.S. Lakshmikanth inaugurates, Maths writer M. Muttuswamy presides, **10.30 am;** Expo, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **up to 7.30 pm.**

Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute (CSRTI) - Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and Department of Sericulture, Government of Karnataka: Sericulture Farmers' Reshme Krishi Mela and Award Ceremony [Theme: Bivoltine Sericulture Technologies for Higher Returns], Minister S.R. Mahesh inaugurates Krishi Mela, Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates Sericulture Exhibition, MLA S.A. Ramdas presides, CSRTI, Manandavadi Road, **11 am.**

Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru Sub-Zone: Medical Conference on 'Mind-Body Medicine — Creating a Miracle: Celebrating Life,' BK Karunaji graces the occasion, BK Lakshmiji chairs, Minister S.R. Mahesh inaugurates, KG Multi and Super Speciality-Coimbatore Chairman Padma Shri Dr. G. Bhaktavatsalam and Senior Consultant - Cardiac Surgey, Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences, Bengalurum Dr. P.V. Rao chief guests, JSS University VC Dr. B. Suresh and Indian Medical Association - Mysuru President-Elect Dr. Suresh Rudrappa guests of honour, KSOU Convocation Hall, Hunsur Road, **11.30 am to 12.30 pm.**

Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Kannada & Culture Department and South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC): Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), 'Sharifarige Sharanu' music programme by Theatre Music Director Ramachandra Hadapad, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Malayalam play 'Veendum Bhagavante Maranam' (directed by Hazim Amaravilla) by artistes of Kanal Samskarika Vedhi, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Ishtanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel & its writer,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of play 'Chora Charanadasa,' School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

KSOU weekend counselling for First BA, B.Com students

Mysuru, Feb.23- Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) will be conducting weekend counselling classes on all Sundays and Government holidays from Feb.24 till May 2019 for students enrolled for first year BA (English and Kannada medium) and B.Com (English medium) programme in the year 2018-19 at Mukthagangothri campus.

Students enrolled in Mysuru Study Centre, KSOU Mysuru Regional Centre and Kalikarthi Sahaya Kendra can make use of this opportunity, according to a press release from KSOU Dean (Study Centres).

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